

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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LACLEDE, - - - MISSOURI.

Pittsburg has seven more national banks than Boston.

Of course, that paresis germ is of the soft-shell variety.

A woman who has had a good cry is always in a lovely temper.

The French budgetary scheme for 1909 will provide for two Drednaughts.

The self-raising aeroplane invented in Russia, let us hope, has no alum in its composition.

A Swiss scientist has added one to the seven thousand or so sure cures for tuberculosis.

Man's dignity is never so ponderous as when the bartender insists he has had enough.

If Minister Wu remembers the answers to all the questions that he asks what a mass of information he must have.

Some statesmen are so conceited they can go home after their maiden speech confident congress is ready to adjourn.

A Wisconsin man has been arrested for carrying a satchel full of Bibles. Another instance of too much of a good thing.

Look to your liver. More suicides are caused by a bad digestion than by unhappy affairs of the heart or smashed finances.

Wu Ting Fang says that our prison system is too good for China, but it doesn't follow that it's any too good for the United States.

The bicycle is said to be enjoying a revival all over the country, though several cities have nothing to say against their street railway systems.

A French count has been arrested for dishonestly stealing a pearl necklace from an American woman in Paris, instead of marrying her and stealing it honestly.

Minister Wu Ting Fang has been given the honorary degree of LL. D. by the Iowa State university. He already had the honorary title of "Master of the Question Mark."

After being locked in a freight car for a week with nothing to eat but raw potatoes, the tramp who tried the experiment does not think enough of it to start a raw potato cult.

A New Jersey minister is advising the men of his congregation to allow their wives to have the last word always. And as this is one bit of good advice that is pretty likely to be followed.

Balloon experiments are attracting more than common attention just now, and no wonder, with the mercury in the nineties. Balloons can go straight up to where it is cool in less time than it takes to tell about it.

A conscience-stricken man in New Jersey has returned to Washington \$40,000, representing the sum of \$10,000 taken from the government some years ago, with interest up to date, thus making complete restitution.

The president of the Carnegie Institution promises a fortune and fame to the man who can introduce to the public bread that tastes less like cotton batting than the stuff that now passes for that article. Women should also be allowed to compete.

The feminine residents of Main Line, a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia, are wearing sandals because they say this footwear is "sensible and comfortable," but the wise public, reflecting that there never was a style adopted by women for this reason alone, will suspect that the sandals are really worn to show off the pretty feet of the wearers.

A lot of those silver cups, table casters and things given to Whitelaw Reid's daughter by the British nobility are in the class of what the everyday bride privately designates as junk because she can make no use of them. Miss Reid will not have the satisfaction enjoyed by other brides, however, of trading her gifts off for something she likes better. She will have to keep them and pretend to be delighted with them.

Justice Harlan at 75 has just run up against one of those rumors in the newspapers that he was about to resign. It makes him say somewhat tartly: "I cannot imagine how it is that two or three times a year a report is printed that I am going to retire from the bench. The fact is that I have never contemplated, much less considered, such a thing. I will retain my position as long as I keep my present good health, and I do not propose for these reports of my retirement to go uncontradicted."

WHEN ROOSEVELT WRITES AT A DOLLAR A WORD.



The Publisher—Great Scott! I'm Stung! He's Using Simplified Spelling and I Can Only Get Half the Number of Volumes Out of It!

ARE ANGRY AT VENEZUELA

CONSUL MOBBED BY RESIDENTS OF WILLEMSTAD.

Castro's Representative Compelled to Seek Refuge in German Consulate.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao.—The relations between Venezuela and the people of the Island of Curacao, Dutch West Indies, are strained to the breaking point. Following a long series of what the residents of Curacao regard as antagonistic actions on the part of President Castro, directed against themselves and the Dutch government, mobs gathered in force at this capital Saturday night and Sunday and expressed their resentment in an attack upon the home of a Venezuelan who had published statements in Venezuelan papers derogatory to the island, and later held violent demonstrations in front of the residence of the Venezuelan consul, surrounded the German consulate where he had taken refuge, and compelled the ordering out of armed troops so that the consul might be protected from injury. The demonstration before the residence of the Venezuelan consul, Senor Lopez, occurred late Saturday night, and although no actual attack was made, it is stated that two shots were fired from the consul's house, no one, however, being injured.

Prior to this, about ten o'clock at night, a mob numbering about 1,000 gathered in front of the dwelling of a Venezuelan resident who, it is alleged, had insulted Curacao in the Venezuelan papers; broke down the doors with stones and, seizing the man, compelled him to sign a paper which set forth an elaborate excuse for the publication of the statements with which he was charged.

The leaders of the populace also forced him to make a public apology from the balcony of his home, while the crowd below hooted and groaned in accompaniment. Furthermore, members of the man's family were compelled to play the Dutch national hymn, while the people below shouted "Down with Castro; long may Wilhelmina live."

Would Debate With Bryan.

Chicago, Ill.—The Peoples party executive committee has instructed the secretary, Joseph A. Parker, to issue a challenge to William J. Bryan, Democratic presidential nominee, to meet Thomas E. Watson, the Peoples party nominee, in a series of joint debates upon the issues of the two parties. The challenge will be mailed to the Democratic national chairman, Norman E. Mack.

Troops Start for Ft. Riley.

Des Moines, Iowa.—With luggage and knapsacks packed for heavy marching, the Second cavalry left over the Great Western Monday morning for St. Joseph, where a trip across the country to Fort Riley will begin. The soldiers will take part in the national maneuvers at Fort Riley, beginning August 7 and continuing until September 11.

For the Kern Notification.

Indianapolis, Ind.—John W. Kern will be officially notified of his nomination for vice president in the new Coliseum at the Indiana state fair grounds. Permission to use the building and grounds for this purpose has been granted the Democratic national and state committees by the state board of agriculture.

FARMAN IN NEW YORK.

Scotch Aeroplane Inventor to Make a Series of Flights.

New York.—That the future of the aeroplane as a safe means of conveyance is practically assured was the confident declaration made by Henry Farman, the aeroplane inventor and navigator who arrived here Sunday on board the La Touraine from Europe for a series of flights in his now famous flying machine at Brighton Beach. Farman was welcomed down the bay by a reception committee of the Aero club of America. After two weeks in this city it is expected that Farman will make flights in Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburg and St. Louis.

"Has the aeroplane a future so far as a practicability is concerned?" he was asked.

"Yes," replied Farman, "it will have a future to a very great extent. I think the aeroplane will be safer than the automobile or other methods of conveyance. It will be so easy and so quick. My greatest pause in flight has been ten seconds, starting on an ascending wind. The birds in their flight have a special instinct which we will never have, but we can improve our methods by using some of the methods of the bird."

The Western Federation.

Denver, Col.—The Western Federation of Miners' convention Monday adopted a resolution giving all ladies auxiliaries in the federation representation at future conventions. The convention also rejected an amendment to the constitution to elect officers by a referendum vote and took like action on an amendment preventing an officer from holding any office more than two terms.

Must Have Honorable Discharge.

Washington, D. C.—The attention of all recruiting officers is called to a circular issued at the war department forbidding the enlistment in the regular army of a man who has been member of the national guard of a state or territory until he presented satisfactory evidence that he has been honorably discharged from the service.

Cheated the Hangman.

New York.—Dr. Andrew Bergen Cropsey, the veterinary surgeon who shot and killed his wife in her home at Bath Beach a week ago, died suddenly in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, Tuesday. Heart disease, according to the prison physician, was the cause.

Convicted of Preacher's Murder.

New Brunswick, N. J.—Archie Heron, the former blacksmith who shot and killed the Rev. S. V. B. Prickett, a Methodist minister, on July 15, was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be electrocuted at Benton on September 7.

Negro Burned at Stake.

Greenville, Tex.—A mob of 6,000 persons burned Ted Smith, a negro, on the public square here Tuesday morning. The negro attacked a white girl, Miss Viola Delancey, near her home, three miles west of Greenville the day before.

Strike Riot at Elgin, Ill.

Elgin, Ill.—In a riot between strike-breakers employed by the Elgin & Belvidere Electric railroad and a crowd of strike sympathizers in the Central Square here Tuesday, one man was probably fatally injured and several were hurt.

DECIDE TO PUSH OIL CASES

GOVERNMENT PROSECUTING OFFICERS CONFER.

To Make Every Effort to Secure Revision of the Recent Chicago Decision.

Lenox.—After an all-day conference of the leading government prosecuting officers and Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota, one of the special counsel for the government in certain civil suits, it was announced by Attorney General Bonaparte that every effort would be made to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of the Standard Oil company of Indiana and that an application for a reargument of the case and a motion for a modification of the opinion would be submitted to that court. Although no time is fixed, this action by the government will be taken at the earliest possible moment, while the pending prosecution against the Standard Oil company and all other prosecutions in which the giving or receiving of rebates is charged, will be pressed to trial. The decision to take this action was unanimous on the part of the five men who participated in the conference.

Attorney General Bonaparte called to the conference solicitor, Gen. H. M. Hoyt of Washington; Edwin M. Sims of Chicago, United States district attorney for the northern district of Illinois; James H. Wilkerson of Chicago, Mr. Sims' first assistant, and Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota. Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Sims and Mr. Wilkerson arrived here Tuesday and held a conference in the afternoon with the attorney general. Mr. Kellogg arrived Wednesday morning and participated in the two conferences which were held Wednesday.

To Sell Print Paper at Auction.

New York.—It is proposed to establish an open market for newspaper print paper in this city. An auction sale of 100 tons of print paper in carload lots is announced for August 5 by John Norris of the American Newspaper Publishers association. Frequent similar auction sales are to follow. It is believed that this will have the effect of making a fixed price and stop the business of selling at secret rates.

Leavenworth Enjoins the U. P.

Leavenworth, Kan.—The board of commissioners of Leavenworth county Wednesday filed suit in the Leavenworth county district court against the Leavenworth, Kansas & Western Railway company and the Union Pacific Railroad company to obtain an injunction to prevent the removal of the offices, shops and roundhouses of the Leavenworth, Kansas & Western from Leavenworth. A temporary injunction was granted.

Gov. Haskell Lost the Suit.

Guthrie, Ok.—Gov. C. N. Haskell was defeated Wednesday in the Logan county district court in his attempt to prevent Charles West, the state attorney general, from bringing suit to restrain the Prairie Oil and Gas company from laying pipe line in public highways. The company had entered into an agreement with Gov. Haskell whereby it was to be permitted to lay certain proposed lines.

An Open Letter to Bryan.

Omaha, Neb.—Victor Rosewater, Republican national committee man for Nebraska Wednesday published an open letter to William J. Bryan asking him to disapprove of the attempt that was recently made to put the names of the Democratic presidential electors from this state under the head of "People's Independents." Mr. Rosewater recently filed a protest in the case with the secretary of state.

Prohibition Lost Out.

Dallas, Tex.—Practically complete returns from 117 of the 234 counties of this state and scattering returns from 87 others, give the vote in last Saturday's primary election for the negative in the matter of the submission of a state-wide prohibition amendment, 77,726 votes, and the affirmative 68,853.

He Left a Quarter of a Million.

Princeton, N. J.—While nothing in Mr. Cleveland's will, which was filed several weeks ago, indicates the total of his fortune; and, although no official announcement has been made as to its extent, it became known here that his personal and real property amounts to \$250,000.

Killed for a One-Cent Stamp.

Wharton, Tex.—R. B. Pointer shot and killed G. W. Jackson at Pierce, Tex., in a quarrel over a one-cent postage stamp. Jackson had mailed a letter with only a one-cent stamp on, and Pointer, who had charge of the postoffice, called his attention to the matter.

NOT ONLY COULD, BUT DID.

Mr. Grandon Able to Bear Testimony to Wife's Accomplishments.

Sometimes there is a drop of regret in the cup of joy served by fate to the husband of a brilliant talker. "I should think it would be a privilege to sit at the table with your wife three times a day," said one of Mrs. Grandon's ardent feminine admirers. "Only twice a day," said Mr. Grandon, with a bow. "I do not go home at noon."

"Too bad!" said the admirer. "We could not get on without her at club I'm sure. Why, I believe she could talk intelligently on a thousand topics!"

"She can—and does," said Mr. Grandon, and with another bow he slipped out just as his wife appeared. —Youths' Companion.

THE EFFECT OF WEALTH.



Billie—Who is that awfully freckled girl on the horse?

Tillie—Why, that's Miss Gotrox. She has several millions in her own name. Billie—So? My! Aren't her freckles becoming?

CUTICURA CURED FOUR

Southern Woman Suffered with Itching, Burning Rash—Three Little Babies Had Skin Troubles.

"My baby had a running sore on his neck and nothing that I did for it took effect until I used Cuticura. My face was nearly full of tetter or some similar skin disease. It would itch and burn so that I could hardly stand it. Two cakes of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment cured me. Two years after it broke out on my hands and wrist. Sometimes I would go nearly crazy for it itched so badly. I went back to my old stand-by, that had never failed me—one set of Cuticura Remedies did the work. One set also cured my uncle's baby whose head was a cake of sores, and another baby who was in the same fix. Mrs. Lillie Wilcher, 770 Eleventh St., Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 16, 1907."

Tommy's Streak of Luck.

"Tommy," said a young lady visitor at his home, "why not come to our Sabbath school? Several of your little friends joined us lately."

Tommy hesitated a moment. Then suddenly he exclaimed: "Does a little red-headed kid by the name of Jimmy Brown go to your school?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the new teacher.

"Well, then," said Tommy, with an air of interest, "I'll be there next Sunday, you bet. I've been laying for that kid for three weeks, and never knew where to find him."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

A Sensible Literary Chap.

"I'm not runnin' a ten-acre farm in connection with the literary business," says the Sweet Singer of southwest Georgia, "and so, the outlook is more cheerful. I hope to make enough cotton to have my poems published in a book and enough corn to feed the family while I'm waitin' for the public to buy the book. I also take contracts for the digging of wells, and these little side issues will enable me to show American literature just what I can do!"—Atlanta Constitution.

To Spread Temperance Cause.

Mrs. Katherine L. Stevenson has been commissioned by the International Woman's Christian Temperance Union to make a tour through China, Japan and Hawaii. She is to visit the most important educational institutions of the three countries and explain to the faculties and students the temperance measures adopted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirt waist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a Starch that does not stick to the iron.

We tarnish the splendor of our best actions by too often speaking of them.